



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. of: Stinson, Jonathan S. Art Unit: 3731
Serial No: 10/038,640 Examiner: Bradford C. Pantuck
Filed: January 4, 2002 Attorney Docket: 23,369-110
For: Prostheses Implantable in Enteral Vessels

ELECTION OF CLAIMS AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the Action dated December 29, 2003, please enter an election of claims and preliminary amendment to the claims, as follows:

1. The applicant hereby elects Species II, i.e. the species that relates to Figure 4 of the drawings. The claims elected are the claims that read on this species, namely:
claims 1-8, 10, 14-15, 17-18, 25-30, 37-39, and 42-43.

Claims 37-39 and 42-43 are process claims. The remaining elected claims are device claims.

2. Consistent with the foregoing election, the applicant proposes the following amendment to the claims:

Cancel claims 9, 11-13, 16, 19-24, 31-36, 40-41, and 44-51, without prejudice.